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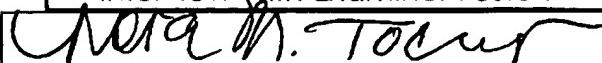
To: Examiner Roland Foster	From: Nora M. Tocups RE: Serial No. 09/513,005 Atty No. 0201-99018
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In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on June 9th, 2004, and also in response to telephone messages from and conversations with Examiner Foster, attached is a Revised Amendment and Response and Summary of Telephone Interview with Examiner Foster. The Revised Amendment includes reference to the previously cancelled claims (1-12). The undersigned thanks the Examiner for his courtesies in this matter.

I hereby certify that the correspondence listed below is being transmitted via facsimile transmission to Examiner Foster of the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 703.746.5992 on June 17th, 2004:

- Fax Cover Sheet
- Revised Amendment and Response and Summary of Telephone Interview with Examiner Foster.


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In re Application of:)
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For: Region-Wide Messaging) Attorney
System and Methods) Docket No. 99018
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REVISED AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
AND
SUMMARY OF TELEPHONE INTERVIEW WITH EXAMINER FOSTER

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia

Sir:

The Office Action mailed January 28, 2004 was deemed final. As in the previous Office Action, the final Office Action rejected all of the claims (renumbered as claims 13-30) under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being allegedly anticipated by United States Patent No. 5,812,639 to *Bartholomew et al.*.

Patent Examiner Foster is thanked for the telephone interview conducted May 7, 2004. The topics discussed included the differences between the claimed subject matter and *Bartholomew et al.* Specifically, the differences of the claimed voice mail servers that operate in different geographic regions or are operated by different service providers were contrasted with *Bartholomew et al.*'s voice mailboxes that operate in a generally homogenous network. No agreement was reached during the interview.

Concurrently with the filing of this Amendment and Response, a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE) of this application is filed.